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CHRISTMAS, 1921

### Merchants' Bank Merged With Bank of Montreal

Montreal, Dec. 16.—The Canadian Press was informed on the highest authority tonight that at the opening of business tomorrow morning the Merchants' Bank of Canada will transact business in exactly the same way as the Bank of Montreal, and that, subject to government approval to the proposed amalgamation of the two institutions the position of the depositors in the Merchants' Bank will be exactly identical with that of depositors in the Bank of Montreal.

Following a day of many rumors, much excitement on the stock market, and some concern among financial men generally, it was officially announced this afternoon, that owing to its rest, or the reserve, fund being seriously impaired, the directors of the Merchants' Bank of Canada were recommending its shareholders to accept an offer made by the Bank of Montreal to take over the institution. In official Montreal circles emphasis is laid on the point that whatever the impairment of the Merchants' Bank reserve may have been, both holders of notes issued by the bank and its depositors will now be protected by the resources of the Bank of Montreal.

### Frank Fleming Dies Suddenly

The death of Frank Fleming took place at the Red Deer hospital on Monday morning. He was taken to the hospital some eight days ago, and underwent an operation, from which he was recovering slowly, not having had any respite, but a sudden change took place and he died suddenly, probably from blood clot carried to the heart, resulting in blocking the circulation.

Deceased was between fifty and sixty years of age, and had lived here for many years. He had a farm just north of town, and made his home with Murry Smith all relatives resided in the States. Of a quiet retiring disposition, Mr Fleming had many friends who will regret to learn of his death.

Premier Meighen was defeated by a majority of 177 votes in Portage la Prairie by Harry Lewis, Progressive candidate, according to the official declaration. Following are the figures—Lewis, Progressive, 4314; Meighen, government, 4137; Bannerman, Liberal, 147.

Among those who joined the club during the past week were: Misses Pearl McGilvray, Edna McKelvey, Stuart, Harris, McLean, Messrs Longman, Strane and West.

Saturday afternoon all members are requested at the town hall to decorate same for the dance.

### PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION FOR ALBERTA

That the next provincial election in Alberta will be under the proportional representation system appears to be assured from a statement made by Premier Green, Sunday.

The United Farmers of Alberta have always stood strongly for proportional representation, and there is no doubt that the question will come before the provincial legislature before the next elections," declared Mr Greenfield to The Edmonton Journal.

The premier added that personally he was a strong advocate of the system and would like to see it brought into force. From what can be gathered, the same attitude generally prevails the rank and file of the United Farmers which adds to the likelihood of early legislation on the question.

"Every election which has been held recently simply adds to the force of the arguments advanced in favor of proportional representation," asserted Mr Greenfield. "No better example of the unfairness of the present system of electing representatives whether federal, provincial or municipal, could be found than the elections of July 18, December 6 and your own municipal election the other day. The Journal editorial of a day or two ago in my opinion hit the question squarely on the head."

### Swastika Club Notes

The club are having an informal dance in the town hall on Monday evening, December 26th, for the members and their friends. Invitations have been sent out for this occasion. The patronesses are: Mrs Gordon, Mrs Graham, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Edwards, Mrs N. S. Kerr, Mrs Buld, Mrs James and Mrs West. Bridal will also be played during the evening for those who do not care to dance.

The usual weekly dance was held Monday evening. Among those present were: Misses Lude, James, Stewart, Harris, McLean, James, and Messrs Bush, Hotsenpiller, Lane, Heric, Derreiers, Longman, Beaumont, Cummings, Nicholas, Edwards and others.

Heric and Hotsenpiller served the coffee, or at least carried it. On account of the extreme cold weather the skating party did not materialize.

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### Annual Meeting of Ponoka Agricultural Society

The annual meeting of the Ponoka Agricultural Society was held in the office of the Rev. J. Sawmill Co., on Saturday, December 10—W. L. Geo, presiding. Communications were read from Supt. Jas. D. Smith, of the Seed and Weed Branch, Edmonton, regarding seed catalogues. On motion of H. Krefting, the secretary was authorized to announce through the local newspaper the Seed and Weed Branch's intention of purchasing car-load lots of seed only, a notice of which appears in this issue.

The financial report was read by Sec. Treas. L. I. Stuart which was very satisfactory, showing a surplus for the year of over \$200, which will materially reduce the old indebtedness. After report was read, some discussion took place as to a regular way of doing of bettering the Fair for 1922.

It was moved by W. E. Scott, seconded by H. Krefting, that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the President, Directors and Secretary for their untiring work during the past year, and commensurate gratulating them on the showings made.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President—W. L. Geo; 1st Vice-Pres.—G. L. Laycock; Secretary—L. I. Stuart.

Directors—Mrs W. L. Geo, Mrs J. E. Krefting, Mrs Howard, Russell, Roy Veld, Howard Russell, G. E. Krefting, B. F. Fink, Louis Fleming, E. Martin, W. Rees Jones, W. J. Hoar, R. Hamby, W. F. Scott, Jas. Hamby, D. Barnes, Heric Strachan, S. James, C. O. Cunningham, H. Krefting, John Rieloch, E. Jenkins, J. C. Bull, C. H. Cummings, Auditor—G. N. Buhler.

After the annual meeting, the newly elected directors met and appointed Mrs Howard Russell as representative to the Agricultural Society Convention.

### THE WALL STREET BOMB OUTRAGE

Warsaw, Dec. 17.—A man by the name of Wolfe Lindenfeld, alias William Lindke, has been arrested by the Polish police here in connection with the Wall Street explosion in New York, Sept. 16, 1920. The Warsaw police and they made the arrest at the request of the United States department of justice. They claimed to have in their possession the material confession of being connected with the disaster.

Lindenfeld is described as a cousin of Rosa Luxemburg, the German radical Socialist leader who was shot to death in Berlin early in 1919, after having been beaten by a mob. His confession, the police state, gives the names of the leaders and the New York address where the bomb was made, and says also that the bomb was intended for J. P. Morgan, but exploded prematurely.

Silvester Cosgrove, a United States department of justice agent, at whose request, in behalf of the department, the arrest of the suspect was made, declared that Lindenfeld has agreed to turn state's evidence, and is willing to return to the United States where he has a wife and two children in New York. The suspect's written confession, according to the agent, says that \$20,000 was promised for the job, to be divided among five or six persons, and that the money was received by the Moscow Third International.

### THREE CHILDREN DEAD MOTHER MAY DIE

North Bay, Dec. 16.—Word was received from Elk Lake tonight reporting the death of three children in a fire which destroyed the home of Mr and Mrs Joseph Auger there early this morning. The mother, Mrs Auger, is so badly burned that she may not recover.

The stricken family had just moved into the vicinity of Elk Lake from up the Montreal River, in order that the children might be given the advantages of the local school.

### CAN A CROOK REFORM?

Is it possible for a crook to reform? Many politicians assert it cannot, and account listed that officers of correctional institutions say it is not an impossibility. But William H. Hart, the famous Paramount star, proves that bad men can reform. His latest, a play production "The Castle of Courage" which will be shown at the Empress theatre on Saturday, December 24.





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## Local News.

The Herald wishes its Patrons and Friends a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year. May good luck be with you all.

Dan Bush has been appointed a commissioner of oaths for Alberta. G. N. Field is official auditor for Alberta. School secretaries please note.

Miss M. M. Johnson left last week for California, where she expects to make a lengthy stay.

Mr and Mrs Chas. Bishop, of Home Glen, have gone on a visit to friends in the eastern States and Nova Scotia.

Mrs W. R. McLaurie has gone to spend Christmas with friends in Calgary.

Miss Devine, of the Bank of Commerce staff, has gone on a vacation to her home in Saskatoon.

Jas. Cline and sister, Mrs Robt German, left on Saturday for Ontario, where they will visit at the old home for a month or two.

Mr and Mrs J. W. Wilkinson and family left for Wilson, Penn., on Thursday. They expect to make their home there.

Mr and Mrs A. D. Crawford are being showered with congratulations on the improvements they have made on the auto-room at the curling rink. The room is so comfortable as in any home, and so the players and friends who frequent the rink are giving thanks.

Miss Guenevere Gillman, who has been on the local staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, for the past eighteen months, left on Thursday for Calgary, having received an appointment in the superintendent's office there.

Mrs Isenbarger, who has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs A. Melles, for several months past, left for her home in California the other day. Mrs Isenbarger had a very pleasant stay and made many friends in town and district.

Cards reading similar to this can be seen in several of our stores: "Starting on January 1st, 1922, our terms are cash, or thirty days to approved credit. This rule will be strictly adhered to in all cases. All accounts now on our books must be paid or some adjustment made of same. We are going to make it worth your while to pay the cash. Your credit is your greatest asset; protect it."

The past few days have been the coldest of the season so far. Monday morning the thermometer registered about 40 below zero, and it still keeps cold. But this is about the time to look for snappy weather, and this being the shortest day, summer will be along in due course.

Do not neglect your eyes, consult M. Mecklenburg, the old reliable optometrist (light measurer) at Royal Hotel, Ponoka, on Friday, January 13, 1922.

**Wishing you a  
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Monday, December 26th, will be recognized as Christmas Day, and of course all places of business will be closed in town.

Two rinks of Ponoka curlers paid a visit to Lacombe Thursday evening in quest of the Ash cup. They put up a good game, but were scarcely a match for Lacombe's experienced players, and lost by nine points.

Christmas Tree and entertainment at the Baptist church on Friday evening, the 23rd. Santa Claus has promised to drop in during the evening, and will be bringing good things for good boys and girls.

The Union church Sunday school Christmas tree entertainment will be held in the town hall on Thursday, December 22nd, at 8 p.m. Choruses, dialogues, pageants, drills, etc. Santa Claus arrives a merry time for all. All children free; adults 25c. Friends are desired not to bring gifts for local children to the tree, but gifts to send to children in the distressed districts of Southern Alberta may be brought.

Goodwill U.F.W. and U.F.A. held a Progressive Whist party and dance at the home of Martin Bednar on Friday, December 16. All had a very enjoyable time.

To FARMERS—Any person having car-load lots of Seed Oats will find it to their advantage to communicate with Jas. D. Smith, Seed and Weed Branch, Edmonton or L. I. Stuart, Secretary of Ponoka Agricultural Society.

Dance in Empire Theatre on Wednesday evening, December 28. Jazz Orchestra.

Big masquerade dance in Battle River Hall, Ferrybank, on Friday, December 30. Good music and good floor. All must be masked, otherwise will not be allowed to dance until 12:00 p.m.

FARM FOR RENT.—Enquire of F. L. McEwen, Phone 1104.

Sylvan Christmas tree on Friday evening in the school.

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## BIRTHS

BONNET.—On Sunday, Dec. 18, to Mr and Mrs Bonnet, a son.

CLOUGH.—On Thursday, Dec. 14th, to Mr and Mrs Ed. C. Clough, a daughter.

JORGENSEN.—On Wednesday, December 7, to Mr and Mrs Jor. a son.

KAY.—On Saturday, December 17th, to Mr and Mrs Chas. F. Kay, a son.

PALMER.—On Monday, Dec. 10, to Mr and Mrs R. V. Palmer, of Androssan, Alberta, a son.

SNIDER.—On Saturday, Dec. 17, to Mr and Mrs Cecil Snider, a son.

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## Finance Minister Gives His Consent To Merging Of Banks

Ottawa.—Sir Henry Dwyer, minister of finance, has given preliminary consent to the taking over of the Merchants Bank of Canada by the Bank of Montreal. Application was made to Sir Henry by Sir Montagu Allan, president of the Merchants Bank.

"The situation was much more in the public interests it was deemed necessary to give the preliminary consent required by the Bank Act," was the only comment of Sir Henry Dwyer.

Further consent, it is understood, will have to be secured following a meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants Bank. This is the first step after to which Sir Henry has given his consent. He has taken over the portfolio of finance.

"The consent granted by Sir Henry is merely a preliminary measure required by the Bank Act and does not enable the continuance of negotiations between the two institutions. According to the Bank Act, consent must be followed by a meeting of the shareholders of the 'selling bank,' who will have to approve of the agreement by not less than a two-thirds vote. If the arrangements for the transfer are approved by the shareholders, the agreement has to be executed and forwarded to the Governor in Council, for final approval before it can have effect.

While Sir Henry Dwyer was able to give preliminary consent, arrangements in their final stages will no doubt have to be dealt with by the incoming Liberal minister of finance and by the Liberal Cabinet as a whole.

In official circles here, emphasis is laid on the point that whatever the impairment of the Merchants Bank reserve may have been, both holders of the Bank of Montreal and its depositors will be protected by the resources of the Bank of Montreal.

"There need be no apprehension among depositors in the Merchants Bank, for among holders of its deposits," it was stated. "The Bank of Montreal is in a strong financial position and will be fully able to handle the situation."

## GERMANY UNABLE TO PAY BUT DOES NOT ASK RELEASE FROM OBLIGATIONS

Paris.—Germany will not be able to meet in full her reparations payments of one billion gold marks falling due January 15 and February 15 and has so informed the Allied reparations commission.

A moratorium is not asked for by the German Government in its note which merely says Germany's financial situation is existing at present before the reparations commission as evidence of Germany's inability to meet the forthcoming instalments, each of 500,000,000 gold marks.

Neither is any release from her obligations requested by Germany, which apparently has left the matter entirely in the hands of the reparations commission. The reparations commission will meet to decide the contents of the note which will be referred to the Allied governments.

The concluding paragraph of the brief note gives a strong intimation that Germany sees no way out of her financial difficulties except through a so-called "reparation holiday" or a delay of two or three years.

The announcement comes at a delicate moment to the Allies that similar difficulties will arise in connection with substantial payments. This is interpreted in reparations circles as meaning that Germany will seek further delays and attempt to force the powers to relax the present payments.

## Financial Conference Would Benefit Europe

Alles and Former Enemy Countries Should Participate

London.—The Daily Chronicle, which is regarded as being especially close to Government sources of information, prominently displays a special article concerning the proposed financial conference to follow adjournment of the present conference in Washington. In its editorial column the newspaper says: "This gives practical shape to the idea of doing for Europe what was done for the Pacific."

Declaring that it is not suggested that the United States should be asked to take the initiative in calling such a conference, it adds:

"There is nothing to prevent Great Britain and France from benefiting from the United States' example to call a European conference in which the United States if it cared not to do more, would doubtless be willing to participate in a watching or advisory capacity."

The agenda of such a conference, the Chronicle says, would deal with reparations debts, exchange problems and disarmament. It emphasizes that not only the allies but the former enemy countries and Russia should participate.

## Lloyd George Tells Of His Part In The Irish Settlement

London.—Premier W. M. Hughes, of Australia, says a Reuters cable from Melbourne, in endeavoring to arrange to send £50,000 worth of meat as Australia's contribution to the Russian famine fund.

London.—Contrasted starkly with the Royal's royal and splendid display in the House of Lords, the few hours later when, without ceremony, but with evident consciousness of power and authority, the members heard the Prime Minister read an account of his stewardship and the Government's part in the Irish settlement.

For an hour and three-quarters Mr. Lloyd George spoke to crowded benches and jammed galleries. The only touch of color in the ancient legislative chamber was the brilliant red-coated uniform of Col. Sir Samuel Hoare, who moved the reply to the speech from the throne.

It was not an oration like that of October 31, when the Premier, having been challenged, presented to the country the alternative of war or negotiation with Ireland and then, when the day of the division overwhelmingly favored the Government's policy, his role to play was one simply narrating the story.

## Predicts Dominion Status For India

Washington.—Within the next ten years India will speak as a co-equal partner with Canada and Australia in the British Empire, the Right Hon. V. B. Sarinwan, Indian representative in the dominion conference, predicted in an address before the City Club. The speaker also predicted that possibly recent Irish developments would "quickly even his estimate of ten years," adding that "Britain will be wise if she gives Dominion status to India more easily than she has given it to Ireland."

Chinaman's Sentence Commuted

Ottawa.—The Cabinet Council commuted the death sentence passed on Chow Tong, a Chinaman convicted of murdering five of his countrymen, on board the steamer Mackinac while the vessel was lying in the St. Lawrence River at Quebec on October 15.

To Negotiate Loan In Canada

Paris.—The city of London is authorized to negotiate a loan of six million dollars in Canada in a effort issued by the Chamber of Deputies. The loan is redeemable in 15 years.

## WESTERN EDITORS



W. R. Fiedle, Publisher of The Herald, Wawona, Siskiyou.

Foch Bails For Home

New York.—Marshall Foch has sailed on the French liner Paris for home. Another passenger was Rene Viviani, former French premier who is returning home from the Washington armistice conference.



Last night I stayed awake to see what Santa Claus would bring. I heard a noise above me and the merry sleigh-bells ring.

Perhaps it was a reindeer's hoof That made the snow fall from the roof

## Benares Welcomed Prince Planned to Seize Danish Castle

In Spite of Gandhi's Orders For a Boycott

Benares, India.—When the Prince of Wales arrived here a "hail" had been proclaimed but it was practically ignored by the natives who thronged the streets. The programme which had been arranged in honor of the Prince was carried out without a hitch and he left for Nepal to hunt big game.

The magnificent reception accorded the Prince of Wales at Benares following the disappointing display at Allahabad, says a Reuters cable, illustrates the indifference of the Indian viceroy. The warm reception at Benares is regarded as of special significance inasmuch as Hinduism is a holy city. The Hindus turned out in throngs to greet the Prince in disobedience of indirect strikes orders from the Hindu leader, Gandhi, whom the extremist element held up as Mahatma (Great). After formal reception by the Mahatma, the Prince drove in a glittering silver state coach to the Hindu University, where he received an honorary degree of doctor of literature.

Prohibit Coal Exports

British Ambassador to Tangkio, Rendsch, the reparations commission has sent to the German Government a note tantamount to an order for complete prohibition, of the export of German coal to neutral countries.

Cancel Coal Licenses

Vancouver.—Following convictions for infringement of the Liquor Act, the licenses of 12 clubs in Vancouver were cancelled by the Government.

Maintain Present Hours

Melbourne.—The Commonwealth arbitration court refused the request of the industrial unions for a general reduction of the working week in Australia to 44 hours.

## Rebellion In India Is Collapsing

London.—An Indian office statement says the position of the principal Mughal rebel leaders in the Punjab is becoming desperate. There are increasing signs that the rebellion is collapsing, at least as far as active resistance is concerned. The remainder of the fighting gangs are penned in the hills by the troops. The steady stream of surrenders continues.

## King George Gives Speech From Throne

Special Session of Parliament to Consider Irish Question

London.—The special session of Parliament, called to consider the Irish peace settlement was opened by the King in his speech from the throne he said: "It is my earnest hope that by the articles of agreement now submitted to you, the strife of centuries may be ended."

The text of the King's speech was as follows: "My lords and members of the House of Commons, I have summoned you to meet at this unusual time in order that the articles of agreement which have been made by my ministers and the Irish delegation can at once be submitted for your approval. No other business will be brought before you at the present session."

"It was with heartfelt joy that I learned of the agreement reached after negotiations protracted many months and affecting not only the welfare of Ireland but the British and Irish races throughout the world. It is my earnest hope that by the articles of agreement now submitted to you, the strife of centuries may be ended and that Ireland as a free partner in the Commonwealth of nations, joining the British Empire, will secure the fulfillment of her national ideals."

Lively Debates In Saskatchewan Legislature

Question of Hon. J. A. Maharg's Resignation Discussed

Regina.—Correspondence between Hon. J. A. Maharg and Premier Martin in connection with the former's resignation as Minister of Agriculture, was a feature of a session of the Legislature last week. Mr. Maharg had his resignation on the table for action in supporting Hon. W. R. Motherwell as Liberal candidate for Regina in the recent federal elections. Mr. Maharg stated that he was free to follow the sympathy of the different members of the Government in his resignation. He supported the Premier in the federal campaign, Premier Martin denied having promised the support of the Government to the Progressive party. "He stated that on several occasions he publicly announced his opinion that the members of the Government should be free to follow their own dictates in federal affairs. Mr. Martin expressed his regret at the resignation of Mr. Maharg, as he had hoped to have his assistance in carrying on the Government of the province in a manner satisfactory to all the people."

## Three Great Powers Come To Agreement On Naval Question

Washington.—Agreement of the "Big Three" naval powers on the "Breadth" of the main battle line was officially announced at the State Department.

Under the plan Japan retains the right to build two additional ships of the Maryland class instead of the Maryland and North Dakota. Great Britain, as an equivalent, will build two super-dreadnaughts similar to the Maryland and North Dakota, but of a greater tonnage, scrapping four old battleships of the original line retained by the Hughes plan.

The agreement includes a status quo understanding on fortifications of the Pacific Islands in open waters and exclusive of Hawaii and islands of the Japanese, Australian and New Zealand coasts.

## Switzerland Bans German Aircraft

Military Machines Not Allowed Over Swiss Territory

Berne.—German military aircraft is prohibited from flying over Swiss territory in a notice just issued by the Federal Air Office. The ban also applies to civil aircraft registered in Switzerland, but included in the class of airplanes prohibited in Germany, provided their papers do not contain a special certificate from the German Minister of Transportation, showing they were constructed before January 10, 1918.

A new air service connecting the connection between London and the Swiss winter resorts has recently been opened by a French concern. The new air line extends from Paris to Lausanne. It is at present necessary for passengers from London to transit over Paris, but in the near future continuous service will be provided.

## China Proposes To Buy Shantung Railway

Japanese Delegates Have Cabled Offer To Tokyo

Washington.—The counter proposal of China for the purchase from Japan of the Kiaow Chiao Taiwan Railroad and Shantung province, has been cabled to Tokyo by the Japanese representatives conference delegation in connection with the Shantung problem under the conference.

The Japanese have said they have considered it necessary to receive instructions from home on this matter which is deemed the most important in the negotiations.

It was understood to be ready to furnish bonds as security for the payment, but the Japanese have said that some security further than bonds should be given. The communication with Tokyo may delay definite action on the railroad project.

## Western Livestock Union

Regina.—For the third successive year, J. H. Hutton, president of the Alberta Cattle Breeders' Association, Calgary, was re-elected president of the Western Canada Livestock Union at the conclusion of the ninth annual meeting here.

Vice-presidents were elected by the delegates from the various provinces as follows: Saskatchewan, F. H. Helly; Alberta, Manitoa, George Gordon, and British Columbia, W. T. McDonald, Alberta, Guy Herbert.

E. L. Richardson, secretary of the Alberta Livestock Association and Canadian Cattle Breeders' Association, Calgary, was re-elected secretary of the union.

Optimism for the future, and determination to solve all problems of the livestock industry as they presented themselves, were the chief themes in the addresses at the banquet to the Western Canada Livestock Union in the Regina Trading Company banquet hall. The complimentary banquet given by the livestock associations of Saskatchewan and the Regina Exhibition Association to the delegates to the convention was presided over by J. H. Auld, deputy minister of agriculture.

Mr. Auld expressed his gratification at having the Western Canada Livestock Union present, and was pleased, he said, to be able to entertain them before they left the city.

H. A. Knight, the newly-elected president of the Regina Exhibition Association, in a short address, also expressed his thanks to the delegates and guests and hoped that the results of the deliberations during the days of the convention would result in immense benefits to the industry.

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Recognizes Germany Must To Adjust Itself To A New Situation

Paris.—France will wait for Germany to adjust itself to a new situation, a Reuters cable from French foreign office tells.

The official said there was general recognition by the press and in French officialdom that Germany must be allowed and possibly compelled to set her financial house in order if future indemnities payments were to be forthcoming.

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Were Found Fishing in Canadian Territorial Waters

Vancouver.—Three United States fishing boats were found fishing in Canadian territorial waters last week, and were declared forfeited to the crown by Judge Martin, sitting as Judge of the District Court. The boats were from \$600 to \$700 each. They were auctioned on behalf of the United States government and the proceeds were to be used for the purchase of the boats.

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